

House Resolution No. 2751

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge special events experienced by Show-Me State residents who have been blessed by exceptionally long and productive lives; and

Whereas, born on May 15, 1906, Paula Emma Kempe will soon celebrate her Ninety-ninth Birthday with a festive gathering at the Lutheran Home in Cape Girardeau on May 15, 2005; and

Whereas, Paula Kempe is the daughter of August and Louise Bertling-Kempe and the twin sister of Mary Martha; and

Whereas, a former third-grade teacher at Broadway School and Lorimer School, Paula Kempe earned a Bachelor of Science degree in history and English from Southeast Missouri Teachers College in 1930, was a member of the Tomahawk Pep Squad and the Debate Team, played banjo in an all-girls orchestra, performed on the Broadway Theatre stage in Cape Girardeau, and was the beauty queen for the opening of the first bridge across the Mississippi River; and

Whereas, a vibrant part of the twenty-first century, Paula Kempe enjoys a life which encompassed most of the twentieth century with its first flights by heavier-than-air craft, worldwide turmoil associated with World War I and World War II, rise of the automobile as America's preferred mode of travel, demise of the Soviet Union as the Cold War drew to a close, and shift from a primarily agricultural economy to one dependent upon industry and then upon the service and information sectors; and

Whereas, Paula Kempe continues to be an active member of the Cape Girardeau community through her writing for the Southeast Missourian and her service as President of the Residents Council at the Lutheran Home; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives pauses to commemorate momentous events in the lives of such stellar citizens as Paula Kempe:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the joyous arrival of the Ninety-ninth Birthday of Paula Kempe and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon attaining such a rare milestone in life and our best wishes for many more celebratory events in the future; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Paula Emma Kempe of Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Nathan D. Cooper
District No. 158

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 2751, adopted May 2, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker